THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) The percentage of programmes in English, Hindi and other Indian languages telecast by Doordarshan during 1990 is as follows:

Hindi	40.4%
English . . .	33.4%
Other Indian Languages .	26.2%

As there are a large number of All India Radio Stations in the country, broadcasting programmes in different languages, this information is not kept centrally in a compiled form.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The total time devoted to telecast/broadcast of Sanskrit programmes during the year 1990, was 23 hours (approx.) and 400 hours (approx.), respectively.

(d) Akashvani and Doordarshan broadcast/telecast programmes in different languages and dialects only from the communication point of view.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

[*English*]

Population of Bihar Covered by TV Stations

*507. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR YADAV: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the total population of Bihar is not covered by the existing Television Stations in Bihar;

(b) if so, whether the Government have any proposal to cover the entire population of this State; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) Yes, Sir, total population is not yet covered.

(b) and (c) Steps have been initiated to increase the population coverage in the State from existing about 86% to 92% (including population in the fringe of the service range of the existing network). Further improvement in TV service depends upon availability of resources.

Fertilizer Subsidy

3651. SHRI H. D. DEVEGOWDA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the fertilizer subsidy given during the Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Five Year Plan periods, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): Fertilizer subsidy is not disbursed State-wise. In the case of indigenous fertilizers, the fertilizer subsidy is paid direct to the manufacturers and in the case of imported fertilizers, the difference between the cost of imports, handling and transportation and the sales realisation at the prices fixed by the Government, is borne as subsidy by the Government. The fertilizer subsidy paid by the Government during the Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Five Year Plan periods was as given below:

	Subsidy paid on indigenous and imported fertilizers (Rs. crores)
6th Plan. . . .	4454.76
7th Plan. . . .	13727.47
8th Plan (1990-91) . .	4389.06